

Motorists Asked To Aid In Highway Planning Survey

Auto Owners Requested To Give Information About Roads

RALEIGH, Dec. 16.—With every new 1937 license plate sold, the vehicle owner will receive an inquiry card with the request that this card be filled out and returned by mail. Over 500,000 of these cards have been printed and distributed to the 50 branch offices of the Carolina Motor club, and the proper card will accompany each pair of the new North Carolina license plates, which went on sale Tuesday.

The distribution of these cards represents but one phase of the state-wide highway planning survey now being initiated by the State Highway and Public Works commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. These planning surveys are federally financed and are being conducted in some 41 states at the present time, including the neighboring states of Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina.

Simple Questions

These inquiry cards ask a few questions which, it is believed, every well informed vehicle owner can answer without much trouble. The main points desired are the location of ownership of the vehicle, the make and year of the vehicle, the amount paid for license plates, the mileage travelled during the past 12 months, and the average mileage obtained per gallon of gasoline. Vehicle owners are not asked to give their names or their license numbers. These cards may be returned without postage to the Raleigh office of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Purpose of Survey

The state-wide highway planning survey consists of a number of related studies which seek to establish several basic factors. With these factors, it will be possible to determine the present state of the whole rural highway system; to rate the service rendered by the numerous parts of the system; to

prepare the way for a logical selection of those parts which merit inclusion in future improvement plans, and to assemble the facts necessary to determine the ultimate cost of owning and maintaining the various parts of the rural road system. All of these determinations are directed to the end that a definite and economically advisable long range highway improvement program may be established.

In simpler terms, the survey consists simply of assembling facts about highway income, highway conditions, highway service and highway costs, thinking straight about the facts, and attempting to do the logical things which these facts indicate to be most advisable in the public interest. In the final analysis, this is only a sound business-like procedure in which the vehicle owner is vitally interested, because of the fact that he is paying the highway bill.

At the end of this survey, such questions as the following will be easier to answer: which highways should be improved first; where is new construction needed; where are the points of congestion and the danger spots; which roads are too expensive, and which pay their way; how much do city folks and farmers travel on the various classes of roads and streets; which class of people pay how much in motor taxes?

"The success of this phase of the survey," said Burch, "depends largely upon the interest and cooperation of the general public. By filling out and returning these Government franked cards, all motor vehicle owners will be rendering a valuable service in helping our Commission to provide the most efficient class of highway and road facilities."

Cosmic rays travel at the speed of light—186,000 miles per second.

In his early experiments which led to the invention of the incandescent lamp, Edison used Japanese bamboo for filament.

Piano Debut



NEW YORK . . . Miss Betty Vandenberg (above), daughter of U. S. Senator Arthur H. and Mrs. Vandenberg of Michigan, made her debut at the concert piano in a recital before the Beethoven Ass'n. here this week.

Crippled Children's Clinic To Be Held Saturday

The regular monthly crippled children's clinic for the counties of Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay will be held in the high school in Bryson City on Saturday, December 19, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

All crippled children and adults are invited to attend this clinic for examination. Dr. John T. Saunders, of Asheville, is the examining physician. Simon P. Davis, of Bryson City, is chairman of the clinic committee.

J. H. Clippard, assistant state vocational rehabilitation supervisor, will attend the clinic, as well as Mrs. Appelt of the North Carolina Crippled Children's commission.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Davis, other members of his committee, or from any member of the Rotary clubs of Sylva, Franklin, Bryson City, Andrews and the Lions club of Murphy.

Long Distance Rates To Be Cut on Holidays

Special long distance telephone rates for Christmas and New Year's day will be announced in a radio broadcast at 10:30 o'clock Christmas Eve, sponsored by the Bell Telephone system.

The program will be directed by Channing Pollock, nationally known playwright, and will feature music by Stokowski's orchestra.

G. J. Johnston, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company with headquarters in Franklin, announced this week that the special rates will be applicable to long distance calls placed from this community. He said the exact rates had not been made public but they probably would be on a basis comparable to the customary night rates for long distance calls.

Cartoogechaye

DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS

The Home Demonstration club of Cartoogechaye met with Mrs. Charles Waldroop Friday afternoon. Mrs. Dan Allison and Mrs. Stone, of Webster, met with the club to discuss the advisability of the organization of a Parent-Teacher association in connection with the club. Miss Louise Siler represented the faculty of the local school. No definite decision was reached and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting. Plans for a lunch room at the school were also discussed and it is hoped that this will be in operation by the first of the year.

On December 10 Mrs. Henry Slagle and Mrs. Carl Slagle, of Cartoogechaye, and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mrs. Ropes and Mrs. Harry Higgins, of Franklin, visited the folk school at Brasstown, N. C.

Fred Slagle returned to his work at the government fish hatchery near Wallhalla, S. C., Monday, Dec. 7.

Briartown

DIES SUDDENLY

John Jones, whose home was near Aquone, died suddenly one day last week while working at Bob Moore's sawmill. Mr. Jones was about 60 years old. He is survived by several children and grandchil-

dren. Burial was in the Briartown cemetery.

Miss Marie Mashburn, who has been employed at Enka, is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mashburn, of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory and small daughter, Carolyn, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gregory at Patterson Springs last Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. Queen, of Webster, visited relatives and friends in this community two days last week.

L. Wilson left Sunday for Washington, D. C., his former home, to spend the Christmas holidays with his two sons and daughter, who are living in the nation's capital. He said before leaving that he might remain in Washington for the inauguration.

Anzel McMahon, who has been stationed in a CCC camp near Rob-

binsville, has been visiting home folks.

Homer Passmore and Mrs. Mollie Mason went to Franklin on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Owenby moved last week to Holloway.

The Rev. Glenn Shields, of Flats, took dinner with Sam Passmore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilson moved last week to the Cartoogechaye section.

Henry Sanders and family have moved to their new home.

Mrs. C. R. Martin, who has been very ill, was reported this week to be improving.

Beethoven's father whipped him to make him practice.

According to unabridged dictionaries, one meaning of "starve" is to die of cold.

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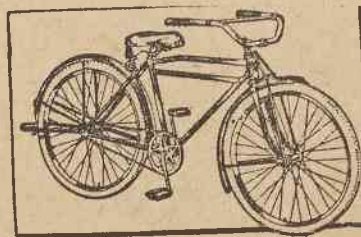
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